

In the Matter Of)
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Section 63.71 Application of) WC Docket No. _____
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Windstream Services, LLC)

Windstream Services, LLC, on behalf of its affiliate companies, Network Telephone Corporation and Talk America, LLC (“Windstream”), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. §214, and Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission’s (“Commission”) rules, 47 C.F.R. §63.71, hereby files this Application to discontinue the provision of DS0/POTS, DSL and integrated Data/Voice service (the “Affected Services”) to a limited number of customers in the Atlanta and Marietta, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina areas.

1. Information listed in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1)-(4) (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b)(2)):

Network Telephone Corporation
Talk America, LLC
4001 North Rodney Parham Rd.
Little Rock, AR 72212

Windstream plans to discontinue the Affected Services on or about March 15, 2019

The Affected Service will be discontinued to customers located in the Atlanta and Marietta, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina areas.

d. Brief Description of the Type of Service to be Affected (47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(4), (b)(2)):

The services to be affected are DS0/POTS, DSL and Integrated Data/Voice services.

2. Brief Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (b)(3)):

On December 11, 2018 Windstream sent by First Class U.S. Mail notice to the affected customers of the planned discontinuance. A copy of such notice as sent is attached hereto as Attachment 1, the notice being compliant with, among other things, Section 63.71(a)(5) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(5).

3. Regulatory Classification of Carrier (47 C.F.R. § 63.71 (a)(4)):

Windstream is nondominant with respect to the service that it proposes to discontinue.

4. Service:

In accordance with Section 63.71(a)(1) of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)(1), Windstream is submitting a copy of this Application by First Class U.S. Mail to the Georgia Public Service Commission, to the North Carolina Utilities Commission, to the Office of Georgia Governor, Nathan Deal, and to the Office of North Carolina Governor, Roy Cooper, and also to the Secretary of Defense (at the address given in 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(a)).

5. Additional Questions Regarding This Application May be Addressed to the Undersigned.

6. Circumstances of Discontinuance.

The Affected Services are provided to the customer' locations via an end-of life equipment platform that is being decommissioned. The discontinuance will affect a total of eight (8) business

customers located across the Atlanta and Marietta, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina areas. Windstream will assist the affected customers in migrating their services to Windstream's supported platform or by upgrading to one of our more robust unified communications products. Alternatively, each affected customer will have sufficient time to make arrangements to obtain service from another service provider

7. Conclusion

Windstream believes that the proposed discontinuance is reasonable and necessary. As outlined herein, Windstream will take reasonable steps, to the extent that it is able, to assure that the discontinuance of this service is not unduly disruptive to the present or future public convenience and necessity. The affected customers will not be unduly harmed because they are being provided sufficient notice of the discontinuance, are being offered alternative services to the those being discontinued, and/or have the option to move service to an alternative provider serving these locations.

Accordingly, Windstream respectfully requests that the Commission permit it to discontinue the provision of the Affected Services as outlined herein, pursuant to Section 63.71.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward J. Cadieux". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

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December 18, 2018

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Section 63.71 Application was served this 18th day of December 2018, by mailing true and correct copies thereof, postage prepaid, to the following persons to the addresses listed below.

Secretary of Defense
Attn: Special Assistance for Telecommunications
Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Mr. Reece McAlister
Executive Secretary
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Attachment 1
Customer Notice